

SCSEP Region IV Conference Call  
Thursday, October 26, 2006

ATTENDEES: *(Darren, these are people who I knew were on the conference call.*

Arizona: **Joel Millman**, State of Arizona, Dept. of Economic Security

Arkansas: Nadine Grice, Arkansas Dept. of Human Services

Colorado: Audrey Krebs, State of Colorado, Aging and Adult Services

**Lynn Dyatt**, Rocky Mountain SER

Corrine Sherrick, Senior Resource Center, Denver

Nina Shane, Seniors, Inc., Trinidad, CO

New Mexico: Doug Caulderwood, New Mexico

Montana: Janet Myren, Montana

South Dakota: Todd Kolden, South Dakota Department of Labor

Texas: Maria Gomez, Ser National, Dallas Texas

Luke Stokes, Mission Waco

Utah: **Darren Hotten**, State of Utah, Aging and Adult Services

Mike Faulkes, Salt Lake City Utah

Nancy Morrell, Utah

### **I WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – Utah (Darren Hotten)**

Darren Hotten called the conference call meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. MT, 12:00 noon Central Time and 10:00 Pacific Time. Darren requested that participants place all phone on mute. He also asked that if people wanted to take an active part in the Region IV activities to please volunteer.

### **II NATIONAL GRANTEE UPDATE – Colorado (Lynn Dyatt)**

Darren asked Lynn to give an update on the National Grantee Update. Lynn reported that the Department of Labor awarded Nearly \$260 Million for Senior Community Service Employment; 18 Organizations to Provide On-the-Job Experience and Training to Low-Income Workers 55 and over and that there were currently eighteen National Grantees for the SCSEP program. The 2006 SCSEP program year begins officially as of October 1, 2006. Lynn stated this includes the National Sub-grantees as well as the State Grantees. Maria Gomez from Ser National in Dallas Texas added some information regarding the National Grantees.

### **III OLDER AMERICANS ACT – Colorado (Audrey Krebs)**

Darren asked Audrey to report on the Older Americans Act. Audrey stated that the Older Americans Reauthorization was complete and finished. There will be a name change to Older Americans Community Service Employment Program (OACSEP.) Audrey recapped some of the changes such as time limits are different under the reauthorization. Participants may remain on the program for a minimum of 27 months capping at 36 months. However some individuals may be able to stay 48 months. Joel interjected that DOL emphasized that nothing is totally official until DOL sends us information officially outlining the changes. That we are to keep questions we may have and then ask them when we receive official notice. Gail reminded Audrey that this is true. Audrey also reported that 75% of the money is to be used for the participants, however they may allow a 10% waiver. We can request from DOL to use up to 10% of additional funds for participants. She continued that placement and retention are two key areas of focus. No grant funds may be used to fund benefits. The minimum placement is 20% and by 2011 you must make at least a 25% placement rate. Colorado has to do 31%. The program

will be competed every four years. Anyone failing a four year cycle in performance measures cannot submit a proposal to compete in the next competition.

Additional changes reported by Audrey were as follows:

Number of minorities served in the program;

You may use the six month look back or use the full year whichever benefits the participant;

The problem is that we cannot put any of these changes into effect until the Secretary gives special consideration to begin the changes prior to July 1, 2007.

Melinda Adams requested that we ask them to speed up the process to begin participant eligibility immediately. Ron made a motion that we officially write a letter requesting that the changes be implemented immediately. An oral vote was taken of all those participating in the conference call and Darren stated that the motion passed.

#### **IV MOU's – STATE AND NATIONAL UMBRELLA Arizona – Joel Millman**

Darren then asked Joel to report on the MOU's. Joel stated that for the new grantees on board that MOU's meaning Memorandum of Understanding with the local Workforce Center Boards in your areas. He wanted to get some ideas on how others do their MOU's. Mike Faulkes stated that they have an Older Workers Coordinating Council in Salt Lake, Utah and they get their MOU's under 1 memorandum. There were some other comments and suggestions offered by some of the other conference call participants. Joel just wanted to be certain that all of the sub grantees were aware that they should have current MOU's and he wanted to know how others do their MOU's.

#### **V REPOSITORY UPDATE INFO Arizona – Joel Millman**

Joel continued to report that the repository is up and alive. It is a living site for everyone to use as an information and mentoring site. Then as it forms we can go on and build the site.

Darren then asked for future agenda items and call times for the next Region IV Conference call.

Discussion on Medicare Part D;

Have someone from DOL participate in the conference call;

Review answers to questions to propose to DOL;

Response to Derocco Letter regarding special consideration;

When will TGEL be issued?

State Coordination Plans?

SPARQ2 Information and management reports. Have someone from Mathematica to answer questions.

The next conference call will be scheduled for November 30<sup>th</sup> but to accommodate schedules the conference call will be scheduled as:

2:00 p.m. Eastern Time

1:00 noon Central Time

12:00 Mountain Time

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Dyatt, State SCSEP Coordinator of Colorado  
Rocky Mountain SER